

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated March 23, 2004 which response is being filed by April 23, 2004 and for which no extension fees are due.

By said Action, the Examiner advised that the response filed February 19, 2003 was unsigned and not entered.

Applicant is therefore resubmitting the response filed February 19, 2003 in the new amendment format in place since July 2003.

The Formal Drawings and Petition to Accept Color Drawings, the fee for which was deducted from Applicants' Deposit Account on February 21, 2003, is not being resubmitted.

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2002. By said action Claims 1 – 17, 21 – 29, 31, 32, 40 – 44, 48-61, 169-187, 195-198, 201-214, 247, 249, 251, 252, 254, 255, 262-264 and 268-271 were rejected over prior art.

Claims 33-39, 46, 47, 188-194, 199 and 200 were objected to but indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

While traversing the rejection of the claims rejected applicant, in order to expedite the issuance of the application has canceled the rejected claims and rewritten the objected to claims in allowable form and rearranged dependent claims so as to ensure that all the claims remaining in the case are in allowable condition.

An early and favorable action is therefore respectfully requested and the allowance of Claims 2-4, 6-29, 31-61, 170-184, 186-195, 199-214, 249, 253-255, 263-264 and 268-271 is deemed to be in order.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed this application is now in condition for allowance, and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sol Sheinbein', with a stylized, cursive script.

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Date: March 31, 2004